

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the status of the claims to that as indicated below:

Claims 1-12 (canceled)

13. (currently amended) A pallet for use with a freight container, comprising:
a chassis having a leading edge, a trailing edge opposite the leading edge and a plurality of two opposite sides between the leading edge and the trailing edge;
locomotion means for rolling said chassis into, and out of, a freight container;
and,
locking means located at the two opposite sides ~~[[of,]]~~ and located ~~[[at,]]~~ at either the leading edge or the trailing edge, ~~of said pallet for use with a freight container for immobilizing said locking means including a mechanism on either the leading edge or the trailing edge having an extensible member fixedly extendable at increments from a retracted position to a variable extended position,~~
wherein said locking means immobilize said chassis within the freight container,
by engaging ~~said locking means being engagable~~ with a vertical container wall, or an adjacent pallet, ~~pallet, to one side of said plurality of sides of said pallet for use with a freight container, and said locking means being further engagable with a container wall, or an adjacent pallet, to the leading edge or the trailing edge of said pallet for use with a freight container for preventing movement in mutually perpendicular directions in a horizontal plane.~~

14. (currently amended) The pallet for use with a freight container according to Claim 13, wherein said locking means includes at least one roller mounted ~~[[in]]~~ on each opposite side of the two opposite sides said chassis.

15. (currently amended) The pallet for use with a freight container according to Claim 13, ~~wherein said locking means is~~ further comprising a locking arrangement positioned at, ~~or towards,~~ two ~~[[sides]]~~ ends of the leading edge ~~or the trailing edge~~ of said pallet for use with a freight container ~~when said pallet for use with a freight container enters the freight container,~~ said locking ~~[[means]]~~ arrangement being pivotally mounted about ~~[[an]]~~ a substantially vertical axial member on said chassis, so that said locking ~~[[means]]~~ arrangement is ~~substantially parallel to side walls of the freight container as said pallet for use with a freight container moves into, and out of, the freight container, but said locking means~~ is rotatable outwardly from said chassis for engaging with the side walls a vertical wall of the freight container ~~when said locking means contacts an interior rear wall of the freight container~~ or an adjacent pallet.

16. (currently amended) The pallet for use with a freight container according to Claim 15, wherein said locking ~~[[means]]~~ arrangement includes two parallel faces pivotally connected adjacent one end to said axial member and separated by a container wall engaging member.

17. (previously presented) The pallet for use with a freight container according to Claim 16, wherein the container wall engaging member is an additional axial member located between said two parallel faces about which a roller member is rotatable.

18. (currently amended) The pallet for use with a freight container according to Claim 13, wherein said locking means includes a locking device located on each opposite side of the two opposite sides of said chassis and adjacent existing corners of the trailing edge, ~~of said pallet for use with a freight container~~, said locking device being movable between a retracted position and an extended position for being engagable with a side wall of the freight container or an adjacent pallet.

19. (currently amended) The pallet for use with a freight container according to Claim 18, wherein said locking device includes a body member welded to ~~said trailing edge of said pallet for use with a freight container~~ the chassis, said body member housing a screw member screwable outwardly, so that an outer extremity thereof engages a side wall of the freight container.

20. (previously presented) The pallet for use with a freight container according to Claim 19, wherein said screw member is engagable with a wall of the freight container via a locking nut mounted on said screw member.

21. (currently amended) The pallet for use with a freight container according to Claim 13, wherein said mechanism of said locking means ~~includes a locking device is~~ located substantially centrally on said trailing edge of said ~~pallet for use with a freight container~~, ~~said locking device having an extensible member movable into close abutment with a rear door of the freight container~~ chassis to extend from said trailing edge and abut a door of the freight container.

22. (currently amended) The pallet for use with a freight container according to Claim [[21]] 13, further comprising a horizontal rod to which said extensible member is connected, said horizontal rod being rotatable between support members located on said trailing edge, ~~of said pallet for use with a freight container~~, said horizontal rod having at least one ratchet member engagable with a pawl, so that said extensible member is fixedly rotatable out from said trailing edge ~~of said pallet for use with a freight container for abutting at least one door of the freight container~~ or said leading edge.

23. (previously presented) The pallet for use with a freight container according to Claim 22, wherein said at least one ratchet member comprises offset twin ratchets on said horizontal rod, each of said offset twin ratchets having a respective pawl, closely adjacent opposite ends of said extensible member.

24. (previously presented) The pallet for use with a freight container according to Claim 13, wherein said locking means includes at least one locking device located at, or in close proximity to, a corner of said chassis.

25. (previously presented) A pallet for use with a freight container, comprising:
a chassis;
locomotion means for rolling said chassis into, and out of, a freight container;
and,
locking means for immobilizing said chassis within the freight container and being positioned at a side of a leading edge of said pallet when said pallet enters the

freight container, said locking means being pivotally mounted about an axial member on said chassis, so that said locking means is substantially parallel to side walls of the freight container as said pallet moves into, and out of, the freight container, but said locking means is rotatable outwardly from said chassis for engaging with the side walls of the freight container when said locking means contacts an interior rear wall of the freight container.

26. (previously presented) The pallet for use with a freight container according to Claim 25, wherein said locking means includes two parallel faces pivotally connected adjacent one end to said axial member and separated by a container wall engaging member.

27. (previously presented) The pallet for use with a freight container according to Claim 26, wherein the container wall engaging member is an additional axial member located between said two parallel faces about which a roller member is rotatable.

28. (previously presented) A pallet for use with a freight container, comprising:
a chassis;
locomotion means for rolling said chassis into, and out of, a freight container;
and,

locking means for immobilizing said chassis within the freight container, said locking means including a locking device adjacent existing corners of a trailing edge of said pallet and being engagable with a side of the freight container, said locking device further including a body member welded to said trailing edge of said pallet, said body

member housing a screw member screwable outwardly, so that an outer extremity thereof engages a side wall of the freight container.

29. (previously presented) The pallet for use with a freight container according to Claim 28, wherein said screw member is engagable with a wall of the freight container via a locking nut mounted on said screw member.

30. (new) A pallet for use with a freight container, comprising:
a chassis;
locomotion means for rolling said chassis into, and out of, a freight container;
at least one roller mounted on each side of said chassis for engaging a vertical container wall or an adjacent pallet; and,
a locking mechanism for immobilizing said chassis within the freight container and being positioned at a trailing edge of said chassis, said locking mechanism having an extensible member fixedly extendable at increments from a retracted position to a variable extended position for engaging with a door of the freight container or an adjacent pallet when in an extended position.

31. (new) The pallet for use with a freight container according to Claim 30, wherein said locking mechanism includes a ratchet and pawl arrangement for incrementally extending said extensible member.

32. (new) A pallet for use with a freight container, comprising:
a chassis;

locomotion means for rolling said chassis into, and out of, a freight container;

a locking device located on each opposite side of said chassis adjacent corners of a trailing edge of said chassis, said locking device being movable between a retracted position and an extended position for being engagable with a side wall of the freight container or an adjacent pallet; and,

a locking mechanism for immobilizing said chassis within the freight container being positioned at a trailing edge of said chassis and having an extensible member fixedly extendable at increments from a retracted position to a variable position for engaging with a door of the freight container or an adjacent pallet when said locking mechanism is in an extended position.